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Freshman guard Trevor Hudgins (center) lifts the national title trophy above his head after winning it in his first season as starting point guard.

Bearcats complete perfect season

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EVANSVILLE, Ind.

— As confetti rained onto the hardwood at the Ford Center, the Northwest men's basketball team found itself in the middle of it.

In the middle of the court, a group of 11 players, numerous coaches, assistants and administrators raved to the tune of "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang playing over the arena's loudspeakers — though the song was mostly drowned out by loyal fans cheering, "B-E-A-R-C-A-T-S," congratulating their newly minted heroes.

In the middle of the commencement, they laughed and danced and hugged one another. Some even cried. They clutched the NCAA Division II National Championship trophy and took turns kissing it.

In the middle of the emotions, coach Ben McCollum took time to hug every single player on the court. He hugged his coaching staff, his student managers and, of course, his wife and kids.

And in the middle of it all, the Bearcats were anything but that. They moved past Point Loma by a score of 64-58 in the national title game. The thinning of the pack was complete. At the conclusion of the NCAA Division II Tournament, the Bearcats were indeed the center of attention, but they were nowhere near the middle. They were on top.

"I'm speechless," freshman guard Trevor Hudgins said. "Honestly, our team is just family to me. We love each other. We play for each other. We trust the process. We listen to Mac. We just buy in."

The win was the 38th in a row for Northwest, completing its flawless season. It came in a familiar fashion. The Bearcats shot well from three, hitting 44.4 percent of their attempts from beyond the arc, and they played excellent defensively.

Northwest held Point Loma, a team that averaged 80.1 points per game heading into the title matchup, to just 58 points. The Bearcats allowed the Sea Lions to make only three shots from downtown.

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Use tax unofficially passes on second ballot attempt

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The use tax was unofficially approved by voters April 2. The tax will place a 2.375% sales tax on any online out-of-state purchases. The tax originally appeared on the November ballot and was rejected by voters.

In 2016, the Department of Revenue estimated Maryville citizens spent \$10.4 million online to out-of-state vendors. With the use tax in place that would have cost the average person about \$245,000 a year.

City Manager Greg McDanel said he believes people spend even more online today, and that is why he decided to first introduce and push for the use tax to be passed.

McDanel said he and the city are elated that voters passed the use tax as it is a growing problem he believed needed to be ad-

dressed.

"This was an issue that wasn't going away for the city of Maryville as online sales continue to increase," McDanel said.

Executive Director of the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce Lily White said she hopes the passage of the tax will help local brick and mortar stores in town and believes it can be really useful for Maryville.

"We are also aware that online sales are not going to go away. They are just going to go up, so this helps us as a community maintain and recapture the cost that we are going to be losing for local taxes," White said. "So, we can continue to budget for our streets and for any kind of upkeep that this city needs to do that we would otherwise be losing with online shopping."

McDanel said he wanted to

MUNICIPAL ELECTION BREAKDOWN

705

voters turned out for Polk precinct in the April 2 municipal election

11.2%

of the 7,890 registered voters in the Polk precinct showed up at the polls.

SOURCE: NODAWAY COUNTY CLERK

acknowledge everyone who has worked with him to get the use tax back on the ballot and those who allowed it to pass.

The use tax was passed by Maryville voters

415 voted for

280 voted against

William Tye Parsons ran unopposed for Maryville city council person

613 votes in favor.

21 write-ins for other candidates.

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"We want to thank first the voters for taking the time since November to learn a little bit more about the issue and how it im-

pacts the community," McDanel said. "We want to thank the various partners we've had through this process from the Chamber of Commerce to Northwest Missouri State University's public relations class to just various people who have seen the importance of this issue too."

White said the Chamber of Commerce supported the tax because they believed it would help close the gap between online and in-store sales tax.

"This tax was a priority for us because it evens the playing field between our local businesses that have to charge the sales tax and the online business that they are directly competing with that before wouldn't have had to charge the sales tax," White said.

McDanel said the use tax will go into effect July 1.

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Students turn to website for registration advice

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Northwest is in the middle of class registration for summer and fall courses, causing many students to turn to RateMyProfessors.com.

RateMyProfessors.com is an interactive website where users can rate and leave reviews about professors and their schools. Many turn to the website to help them decide which professors and which classes to take based on other students' reviews.

Registration began for students who have 130 credits or more March 18; students will continue registering by descending credit hours until April 19.

Junior Maddy Zeller is an avid RateMyProfessors.com user.

"RateMyProfessors.com always comes in handy when it comes to choosing my classes," Zeller said. "Before registering, I always look up all the potential professors that teach the classes I need, and then I choose the highest rated professor."

There are a total of 158 reviews about Northwest as a university on RateMyProfessors.com. Northwest has an overall rating of 3.9 out of 5.

The overall rating is broken down into 10 categories: reputation, internet, opportunity, clubs, happiness, location, food, facilities, social and safety.

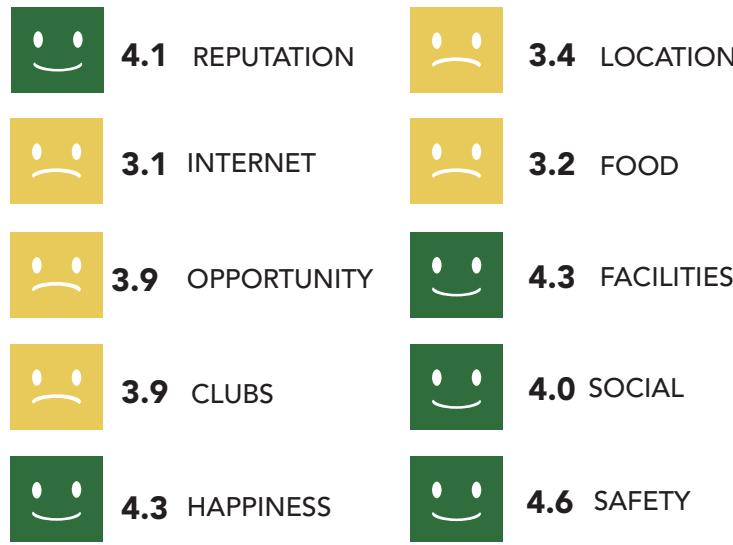
An anonymous RateMyProfessors.com user recently gave Northwest a positive review Jan. 25.

"Northwest is an awesome school, and I have learned a lot from my time here. However, the area is quite small, especially if you are coming from a larger city. Also, there are very limited food options both on and off campus," the user said.

Another anonymous RateMyProfessors.com user commented on Northwest's professors.

"I like how it's not a very big school. I feel connected to my professors, and I'm friends with all

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SOURCE: RATEMYPREFFESSORS.COM

of them. Though food isn't great and there are not lots of restaurants around," an anonymous user posted Jan. 7.

The top-rated professor at Northwest is psychology professor Jackie Kibler, who has a rating of 5 out of 5. Kibler also has a large number of reviews, which makes her the highest ranked professor among Northwest professors.

The most recent review of Kibler is from 2016.

"She really knows what she is talking about and gives good examples to get students to remember content. She saw that our class struggled with a test and she worked really hard to prepare us for our next exam, and we did better. Open to constructive criticism and she's easy to talk to," the anonymous user said.

Zeller said students should watch out for bad reviews.

"I always judge the reviews; I look at how the review is typed, grammar errors and comments. There was one comment that comes

to mind where the grammar was awful and made a rude remark about the professors' appearance," Zeller said. "To me, that review was completely irrelevant because obviously that student wasn't focused on the professor's teaching capabilities rather than his appearance."

Deb Toomey is a marketing professor at Northwest that has a high rating of 4.3 on the website.

"There are times where I recommend (RateMyProfessors.com). It is a resource that can benefit students. However, I do warn them that it is anonymous and to watch out for bad reviews," Toomey said.

One review that has been proven false by Toomey referred to a tongue ring that the student thought Toomey had.

"The actual class is boring, but you can pass the time by counting the number of times you can spot her tongue ring; she does a good job of hiding it," an anonymous user stated.

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Maryville Mayor Rachael Martin said the South Main Corridor Improvement Project is essential. The estimated budget for the project is \$12.4 million.

City approves design company bid for project

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Maryville is getting closer to the completion of a high priority project by deciding to proceed with the engineering design of the South Main Corridor.

The city approved an agreement with SK Design Group Inc. out of Overland Park, Kansas, for engineering services for the South Main Corridor Improvement Project.

The project has a \$12.4 million estimated budget and is the focal point of Maryville's efforts for overall city improvement.

The project, which has been in the development process since 2015, intends to create an ideal road design and reduce any disruption or inconvenience to those traveling on the popular corridor.

A timeline report presented by City Manager Greg McDaniel March 11 set the completion of engineering to Nov. 1.

It outlined design to be finished by March 1, 2020, and bids awarded by June 8, 2020.

Construction is expected to begin June 30, 2022, and be swiftly completed by August.

Orscheln store manager Matt Blackney said the project will provide a good first impression of the city for visitors.

"I think business would remain steady, and the project will be great," Blackney said. "I'm for it."

SK Design would be responsible for all aspects of construction, including periodic site visits and the final inspection of the project for an additional \$333,200, according to the Nodaway News Leader.

McDaniel said SK Design has completed projects well for the city in the past.

"They have a knowledge of the town and have built relationships with the community through hard work on infrastructure projects that mean a lot to this city," McDaniel said.

- Greg McDaniel

The study included observing traffic flow, driving lane designs, utility systems, drainage systems, the ability of non-motorized travelers to maneuver and other navigation issues on South Main.

It found that minor improvements of the area like adding pedestrian features would greatly increase traffic flow and overall accessibility.

Mayor Rachael Martin said the project is essential.

"South Main is likely the most traveled corridor in our community," Martin said.

"The functional, safe and aesthetically pleasing completion of its overhaul is the single most important focus for the next 36 months."

Maryville voters approved the renewal of a half-cent capital improvement sales tax in 2017, helping fund a part of the \$12 million budget.

In 2018, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Maryville \$10.4 million in Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant funds.

USDOT selected a total of 91 projects to fund throughout the United States from 850 applications. Of those, only three were in Missouri, one being the Maryville South Main Improvement Project.

Martin said national recognition is one of the most notable events for the city in her five years serving.

"The attention and funds from USDOT for the South Main Improvement Project are the most significant and valuable events in my time on council," Martin said. "Maryville is very fortunate to have administration and partners that not only completed the complex application but did so in a thorough and strategic manner to win the funding."

Local Taco John's store manager Dave Williams said the project is good long-term.

"There's no way to tell how it will affect business as construction is happening, but it will be a good deal for Maryville in the long run," Williams said.

Mayor Martin said the project is part of a comprehensive approach to the betterment of Maryville.

"This project is comprised of many components, as we are taking an all-inclusive approach," Martin said. "When we are finished, people will not believe what we started with."

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\$14.5 million campaign will help to build a new dormitory for the Conception Seminary College and enhance the retirement endowment fund for monks.

COMMUNITY HELPS WITH FLOOD RELIEF

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Effects of flooding are still being felt throughout the Midwest after major snow melt. Fundraisers have been launched to support the effected areas.

SSM ST. FRANCIS NOW MOSAIC LIFE CARE

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Measles rise with ignorance



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The war against vaccines is not a battle anybody should need to address. It's 2019, and having measles outbreaks plastered across multiple headlines is unbelievable with the amount of technology we have.

The U.S. hasn't seen measles outbreaks this alarming since 2014, which holds the most cases seen within a year at 667. In 2018, cases began occurring more frequently.

This year has presented the second-highest level of measles cases, totaling 387, since the mea-

sles elimination in 2000, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's only been three months in the year and the numbers have already accumulated more cases than 2018, which held the previous record for the second-highest amount at 372.

If this alarming rate continues, we may see a much higher number than what we saw in 2014.

Going to the heart of the problem is easy, and the quick fix is simple. Some parents may even wonder why they didn't do it in the first place.

Everybody needs to get vaccinated against measles and other easily preventable diseases like chickenpox. This includes both children and adults, as more than

110,000 people died as a result of measles worldwide in 2017, most of whom were children, according to the World Health Organization.

Measles are an issue many countries on all continents deal with making vaccinations necessary especially for those looking to travel. Most cases brought in this year came from travelers and spread throughout a community where groups of people were unvaccinated.

Getting vaccinated is the only sure way to prevent diseases like this from being spread throughout the states.

Specific states reporting measles this year include Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Colorado, New York, Washington.

While there haven't been any outbreaks — which is defined as more than three cases in a local area — so far in Missouri, last year the Kansas City area had a measles outbreak in March and April, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. This outbreak led to 35 infected people.

With Kansas City being a metropolitan area with more than 2.1 million people, another outbreak could easily occur, especially if people aren't taking proper preventive measures.

The measles, mumps and rubella vaccine protects against those three diseases, according to the CDC. Two doses of MMR is about 97% effective at preventing measles and one dose is about 93% ef-

fective. Typically children should get two doses and the shot will last for the rest of their life.

Even if someone doesn't have the money or insurance to get vaccines, there are ways people can get it with little to no cost through programs like Vaccines for Children. They can also utilize local health centers and state health departments who offer sliding fees based on income, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

There are obvious benefits to getting vaccinated. Regardless of religious or even personal reasons, when it comes to the health and protection of children and others, there should be certain requirements.

Closing border comes with economic risk



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President Donald Trump said April 2 the U.S. southern border would be closed to prevent immigration if he fails to make a deal with Congress over the issue.

The prospect of closing the U.S. southern border is ludicrous. It would result in the U.S. economy tanking as a whole, and several individual sectors following suit, notably the auto industry and fresh produce marketplace.

Furthermore, it should be noted this is hardly a partisan issue. This issue affects Americans as a whole, and conservative media acknowledges this alongside the liberal media.

The Cato Institute, a think tank considered to be conservative by Media Bias, published an article providing analysis on why closing the border would result in a myriad of problems.

The same Cato Institute article pointed out that Mexico is ranked second as one of our export countries alongside being ranked third in our list of trade partners.

Closing the border not only cuts off access to one of the main consumers of countless American companies, but it simultaneously hinders our own importation as a nation considering Mexico is ranked so highly as one of our trading partners.

As expected, this has drastic effects, even if the border only closes for mere hours.

Those effects were felt when the border temporarily closed Nov. 25, 2018.

An NPR article from that year reported a loss of around \$5.3 million was felt by the city San Ysidro, California, in a single day. This hurt every resident of the city by forcing prices to temporarily rise. Daily items purchased by people there were suddenly more expensive.

The article continued by explaining how this also had lasting effects.

"It's not just the impacts from that one day, but because of that one day's closure and the two closures prior to that, we've discouraged business from happening, consumers from crossing the border,"

the NPR article said.

However, when acknowledging the persistence of President Trump to get Congress support, and Congress's repeated "no" as an answer, it's safe to say this border closure would last longer than it did that Black Friday weekend in 2018.

This leads to looking toward the individual economic sectors of the U.S. economy that would be impacted by a border closing, first with the auto industry.

The U.S. auto industry relies heavily on Mexico's imports to hold together.

USA Today reported April 2 how the industry relies on more than \$113 billion in imported materials for manufacturing their products.

The same article reported that when it comes to selling their products, they rely on about \$36 billion in exports to Mexico.

Another NPR article highlighted how this would result in the auto industry shutting down in a matter of days, starting with smaller companies in the industry shutting down in hours. Jobs in the industry would disappear overnight, leaving countless people jobless.

This would impact American consumers across the country. The prices of cars would skyrocket, and they would become increasingly harder to get a hold of. People who already owned cars would find getting a hold of the parts just as expensive and difficult.

The auto industry isn't alone. The U.S. produce marketplace would also face crippling effects.

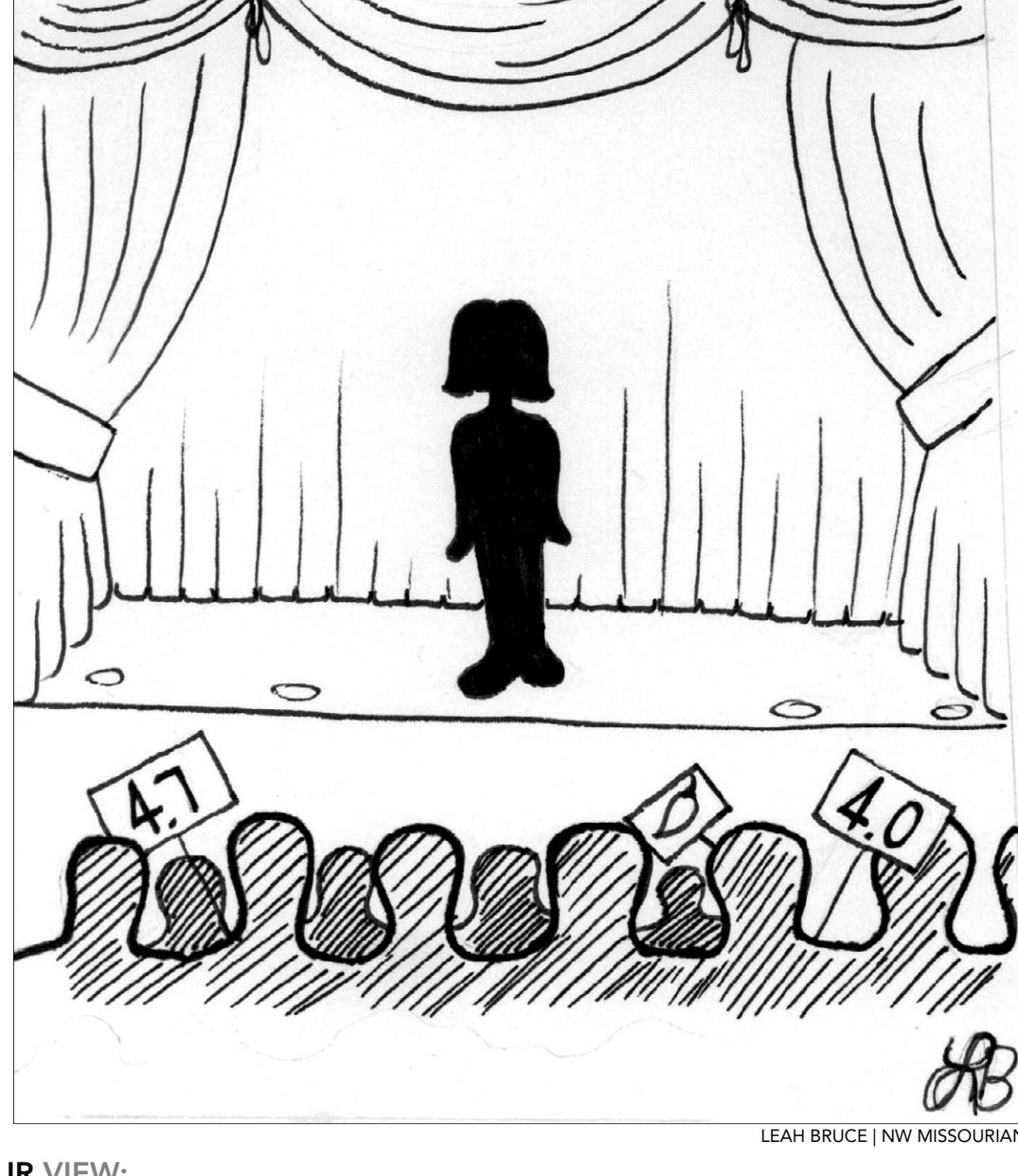
MarketWatch reported figures on U.S. produce imports April 2.

The statistics included \$6.6 billion in fruits and nuts imports from Mexico. They also included \$6.2 billion in vegetable and melon imports from Mexico.

This would result in a substantial amount of produce prices increasing, costing Americans significantly more. At the same time, that same produce would slowly thin out in supplies, according to NPR.

Grocery shopping is expensive enough as is; no one wants that expense to increase.

The ripples that would be felt across the auto industry, produce marketplace and U.S. economy as a whole more than proves why Trump's threat of closing the U.S. southern border is hardly an idea he wants to implement.



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OUR VIEW:

Honest, accurate online rating of teachers possible

Although Rate My Professor sounds like a useful tool, it can be misleading as several of the reviews are simply students airing their frustrations, rather than using the site for its rightful purpose.

It may seem like just another rating website, and it is important; especially for prospective students who want to study at Northwest and don't know about the expectations the teachers will have.

Students, in general, don't want to know whether a professor brings food to class or is mean. They want information on how the classes are structured and whether the class will require a lot of outside work or be an "easy A."

Some reviews focus on professors' appearance rather than their approach to teaching, adding unnecessary comments with no useful information.

We should be providing constructive feedback that can aid other students with their future career paths.

We want to see more reviews that show class sizes, professors'

style of testing, professors' interactions with students and whether they offer additional support outside of class. We don't need to know if they're hot or not.

Rate My Professor has a number of tags that can be used to describe the professor when rating them.

Some of these tags are "gives good feedback," "accessible outside of class," "lots of homework," and "Skip class? Won't pass." These tags let students know what they might expect when taking a class with a professor.

However, these tags aren't being utilized, and oftentimes, the site lacks negative critiques for the professor in an attempt to make them look good providing no real, useful feedback for students.

We want to know if the teacher is going to give us a 20-page essay, not just that they are a tyrant in the classroom.

According to Village Voice, Rate My Professor attracts an average of 3 million students per month and as many as 80 million

page views when registration period commences.

Students rating professors is a great way for universities to improve their standards in certain categories.

However, this can't be done if students are going to be shallow in their comments and ratings to push personal vendettas. This isn't even limited to our professors but our campus as a whole.

Students want to make the most of their university experience, which starts with the choice of classes. The other factors also impact the review, but the main vital aspect is students feeling safe in a class environment.

With random and harsh comments, which can potentially damage the reputation of universities, it can majorly affect student's judgments because they cannot tell whether the comments are truthful or not.

If we are going to critique our professors, we need to at least be constructive and not push biased agendas.

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Horticulture Club offers Healing Garden

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The Horticulture Club is assisting the Maryville Mosaic Life Care Center by helping implement a Healing Garden for cancer patients.

The Horticulture Club has volunteered to plant and raise flowers and shrubs for the Healing Garden that will be located outside of Mosaic's Cancer Care Center for leisure.

Two-year breast cancer survivor Kara Puche received treatment at Maryville SSM St. Francis, which is now Mosaic Life Care. She suggested the Mosaic Cancer Care Committee utilize Northwest Horticulture Club to raise and maintain a Healing Garden.

Kara Puche's daughter Loren Puche is the Horticulture Club president.

Loren Puche said she hopes the garden will make a difference for patients and bring a little light into their stay at the hospital.

"It's really awesome to make a difference for cancer treatment patients that they can see these plants, and it makes them happy," Loren Puche said. "It makes me happy that just by placing flowers or butterfly attractants someplace they can feel at peace."

Loren Puche said as a former caretaker of her mother, she hopes to bring joy to cancer patients and other caretakers through the Healing Garden.

"Our goal is to help the patients feel at ease by watching the butterflies and watching them look at the flowers and plants — that they're able to go through this difficult time but still be able to enjoy the scenery," Loren Puche said. "It makes us feel good."

Director of Development for St. Francis Hospital Foundation Megan Jennings said the Cancer Care Center Committee is composed of people who have had a cancer experience.

"Together, our group, along with Dr. (Rolando) Breier, our Oncologist, spent time seeing how we can help the patients' spiritual and emotional well-being," Jennings said. "Basically, what can we help them with along this journey outside of the medical treatment they're getting?"

Kara Puche said the Healing Garden will be a place where people can seek clarity and pray or escape if they need to.

"(The Healing Garden) is for families and patients. It's going to be right there for everybody to enjoy. I think it's just going to be a great place where people can go

and collect their thoughts or escape the sounds of chemo machines or even sing," Kara Puche said. "We're wanting to put in some soothing music that helps you escape as well."

Jennings said they've done multiple projects to help the cancer patients such as chemo care bags. The Healing Garden is another project they decided would contribute to healing.

Along with the construction of the Healing Garden, a new drop-off is being built for the Cancer Center. The drop-off will provide a closer entrance and additional privacy for patients.

Jennings said the Healing Garden will serve two different entities that the hospital will benefit from.

"The Healing Garden does two things. The first thing would be it creates parking and drop-off spots for our Cancer Care patients and their families," Jennings said. "Right now, they're parking in the main hospital parking lot, and it's quite a distance to walk and receive their treatments, many of them are quite weak. The second aspect is it really creates a spiritual peaceful place to reconnect."

The Care Center is hoping to break ground in May.



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Horticulture Club President Loren Puche has a special connection to the garden as her mother battled breast cancer two years ago.

Blotters for the week of April 4

Maryville Public Safety**March 24**

A summons was issued to **Hunter Jewett**, 20, for driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and failure to maintain right half of the roadway at the 800 block of South Munn Street.

A summons was issued to **Michael Swinford**, 32, from Tabor, Iowa, for driving while intoxicated, illegal left turn and failure to show proof of financial responsibility.

March 25

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 500 block of South Buchanan Street.

March 27

A summons was issued to **Felicia Grout**, 18, for dog at large at the 600 block of East Third Street.

A summons was issued to **Samantha Grout**, 17, for dog at large at the 600 block of East Third Street.

A summons was issued to **Bob-**

by Nelson, 49, from St. Joseph, Missouri, for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1100 block of South Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Kristina Ward**, 22, from St. Joseph, Missouri, for possession of marijuana, not having a valid driver's license and failure to dim headlights at the 1500 block of East First Street.

A summons was issued to **Jordan Reddy**, 23, from Savannah,

Missouri, for possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1500 block of East First Street.

A summons was issued to **Ty Cowan**, 22, from Clearmont, Missouri, for not having a valid driver's license at the 1800 block of East First Street.

March 28

A summons was issued to **Cassandra Ward**, 30, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

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"When that does (go into effect), we will start tracking those revenues and see how close those revenues come to projections, and we will take that into account for the next budget season," McDanel said.

Also on the April 2 ballot was elections to the West Nodaway R-I School District. James Graham, Scott Conn and Amanda Walker have unofficially won those seats. Kenna Florea and a write-in unofficially won the seats for Northwest Nodaway R-V School District.

Seats on the Nodaway County Ambulance District were also on the ballot. For Nodaway County Ambulance Sub-District 5, Scott A. Walk unofficially won. William Tye Parsons also unofficially won the three-year term for City of Maryville council person.

Official election results will be released April 5.

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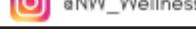
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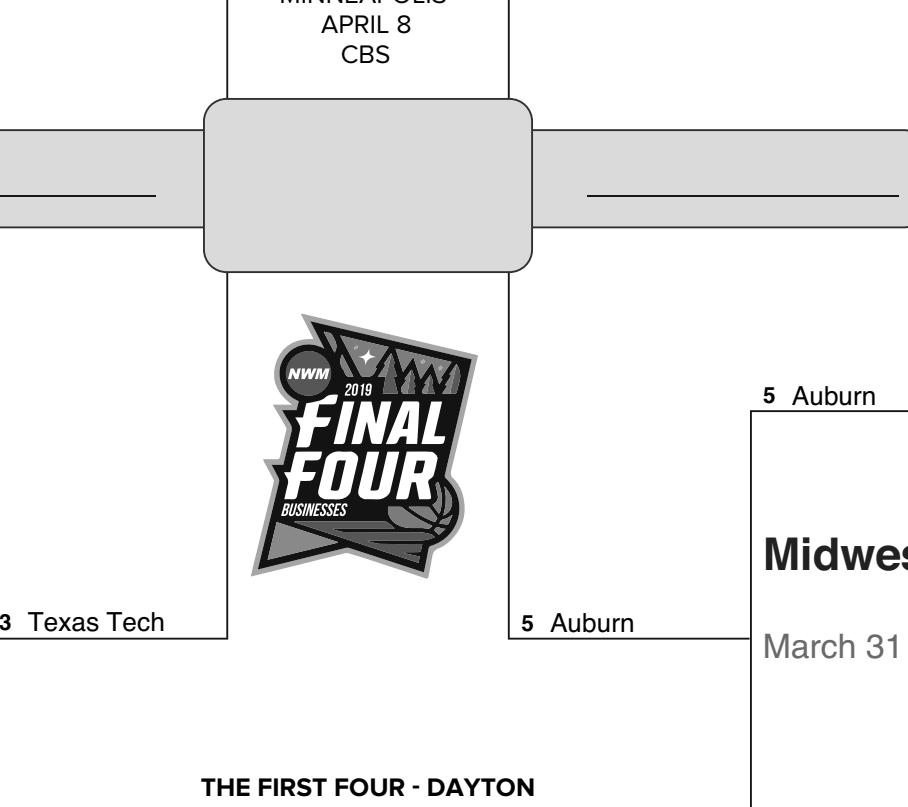
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Freshman Mason Bigler applies a charcoal face mask which is meant to help pull out bacteria and detoxify the skin.

AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Pimple removal rises in pop culture

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The red, swollen bumps, the annoying blackheads, the puss-filled pockets of inconvenience — acne is something many young adults struggle with.

However, some find solace in videos of professionals removing the gunk from people's bodies.

Dermatologist Dr. Sandra Lee, aka Dr. Pimple Popper, rose to internet fame in 2015 as she posted videos of herself popping pimples, removing blackheads and purging cysts on her clients.

Her YouTube videos have a collective view count of nearly 3 billion. She calls her fans "popaholics."

The videos became such a hit, TLC gave her a show in 2018. She inspired autonomous sensory meridian response (ASMR) related toys like Pop It All and acne-inspired cupcakes where customers pop a fondant pimple for custard to ooze out.

Lee's videos, along with other pimple popping content, sparked strong reactions of both satisfaction and disgust among Northwest students like psychology senior AJ Hinson.

"I think these videos are gross because of the textures of the puss, ooze and colors," Hinson said. "I am a big texture person; textures freak me out. Growing up, I had really bad acne and would often go to the doctor for my skin. I would also pop pimples before I knew how bad it was for your skin."

Maryville's Advanced Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center dermatologist Dr. Charles Glass said, from a professional standpoint, these are relatively harmless videos.

"As long as they are being done by a professional, I don't see a problem with these videos," Glass said.

"It's when we see people trying to recreate these videos at home that cause problems."

The center has debated on starting their own pimple popping videos.

"We've been talking about it," Glass said. "We think it'd be a great way to promote ourselves and dermatology education. Our big problem is trying to make these videos without violating HIPPA."

For Hinson, Dr. Pimple Popper's videos trigger a memory of his own acne problems.

"There was one pimple that wouldn't pop, so one day I focused and worked on it for about an hour," Hinson said. "I can't tell you how much puss was in it, but it hurt so badly and looked gross. The texture of the puss was thick and looked like a long worm. So I think I associate the pimple popping videos with pain and uncomfortableness."

However, there is a growing sense of satisfaction for "popaholics."

The reason some people find pimple pops satisfying and fascinating relates back to what is called the human disgust reflex and benign masochism.

According to a study conducted by West Chester University of Pennsylvania in 2013 called "Glad to be Sad," benign masochism isn't just limited to watching bodily function videos like pimple popping but also eating spicy food, listening to sad songs and riding roller coasters.

"Benign masochism refers to enjoying initially negative experiences that the body (brain) falsely interprets as threatening," the study found. "This realization that the body has been fooled, and that there is no real danger, leads to pleasure derived from 'mind over body.'"

This phenomenon is also linked to other "gross" videos featuring



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The skin is the largest organ and protects against harmful elements.

things like ear wax removal, bot fly larvae removal, ingrown hair removal and splinter removal.

"I cringe when I see these videos, especially insect removal," Hinson said. "I will literally click on the insect removal video and I'll watch it until they remove it. I find it fascinating on how insects can get into the human body, but them being removed grosses me out. I feel an irritating tingly feeling in my neck and get the chills."

A neuroscientist at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, Dr. Heather Berlin, said it also goes back to human's evolution.

"Evolutionarily speaking, it's normal behavior to want to remove bumps from your skin because those bumps could be parasites or other things," Berlin said.

Women are also more likely to watch these videos.

"I think these videos are popular because they're satisfying," Hinson said. "We've all had acne, and it's satisfying to pop that pimple that's been bothering us. My friend likes to watch them, and she'll actually pop other people's pimples because she likes feeling the pressure before the pop. ... I think people find it satisfying, just like they find popping bubble wrap satisfying."

Part of the reason Lee became so popular was her description and educational commentary about different types of acne and preventative measures viewers and patients could take.

According to the Mayo Clinic, there are six different types of acne. These are whiteheads, blackheads, papules, pimples (papules with pus at the tip), nodules and cysts.

Some of the biggest causes of acne are excess oil production, hair follicles clogged by oil and dead skin cells, bacteria and excess activity of a type of hormone called androgen.

The clinic said nothing about chocolate causing acne, despite the common myth that it does.

College students' skin goes through a hard four or more years. Alcohol dries out skin which means the skin produces more oil. A sudden change in diet also affects the skin.

For Hinson, it's important to stick to a skincare routine.

"I usually wash my face in the shower every other day, then I usually do a full face care routine about twice a week," Hinson said. "My tip is read the ingredients of face masks and do your research on your skin. Know that each ingredient does for your skin. I tried and errors on face products for about six months before I found what works for me."



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Junior Leah Olawaiye washes her face after class to remove impurities from her skin.

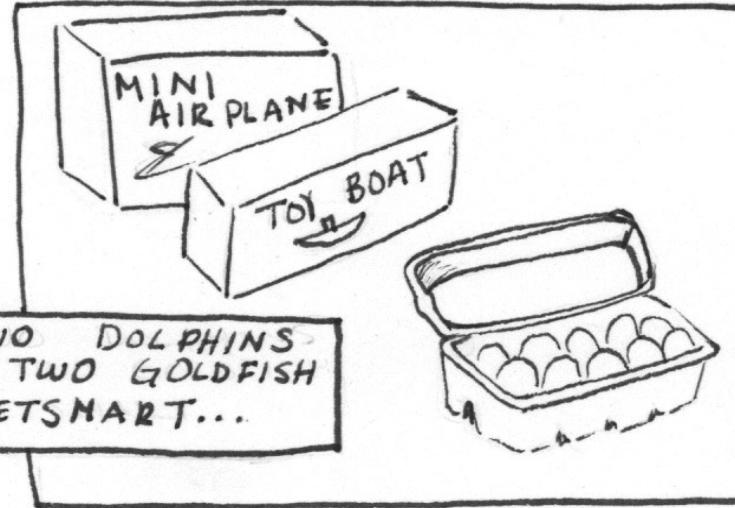
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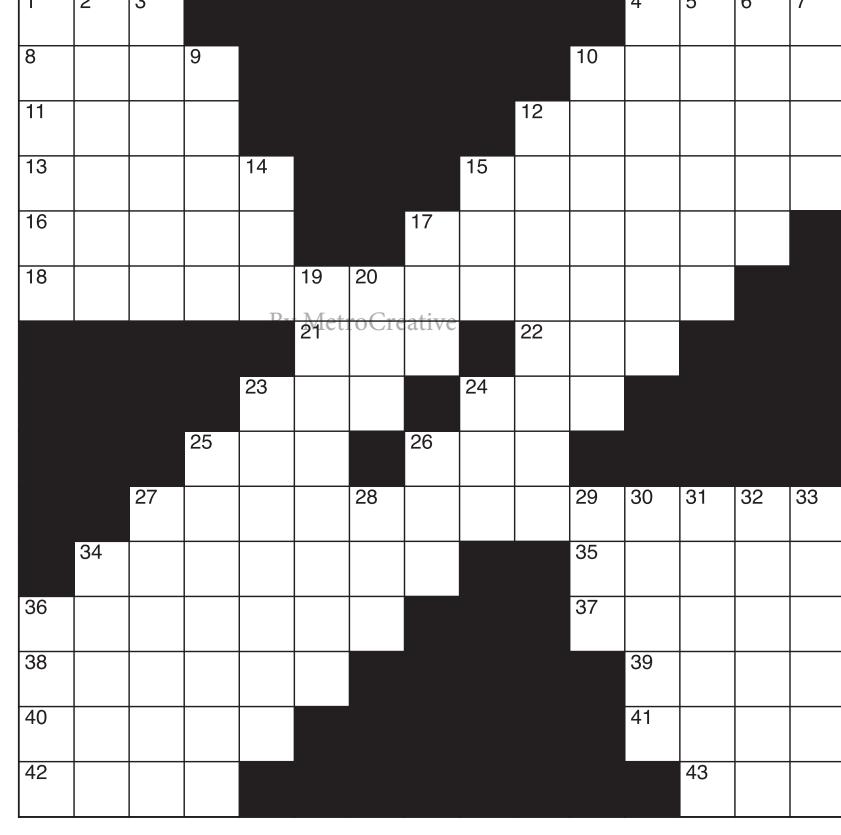
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16. Beverage made of oatmeal
17. Replaced
18. UK's largest city
21. Obamacare
22. When you expect to get there
23. Deutschland
24. Consumed
25. Paddle
26. A way to consume
27. "Walter White"
34. The opera has one
35. Honk
36. Disorganization
37. Secret political clique
38. Recounted again
39. Converts to leather
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42. Clownish
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CLUES DOWN

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6. Hungry
7. NY-based department store
9. Pedestal
10. Single-celled animal
12. National capital
14. China's chairman
15. Al Bundy's wife
17. Acid in all living cells
19. Told
20. Displays heartbeat
23. Softly
24. Swiss river

Fun Facts About April

April Showers Bring May Flowers

- It is the second month of spring. It is a time of planting and spring cleaning.
- In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The diamond of April symbolizes innocence.
- The Boston Marathon is held during April.
- In Ancient Rome the month of April was sacred to the goddess Venus.
- The Japanese fiscal year for most businesses starts on April 1.
- In England there are many cuckoo festivals. The arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a signal that spring has arrived.

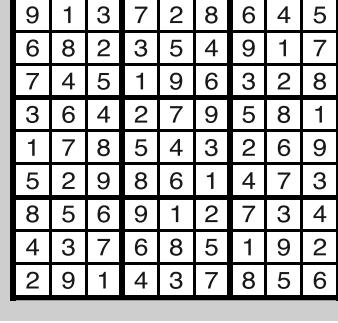


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Something positive will come from your efforts at work, Aries. It's just what you need to rev up your energy levels and fire through the last of the projects that have been on your list.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Encouragement will come from an unlikely place, Taurus. This may be someone who you thought wasn't on your side, but really is. This realization may be a shock.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Some unusual possibilities for the future are coming your way, Gemini. Make an effort to be receptive, or they could pass you by before you know it.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you will often find that success comes not just from professional matters and connections, but by how you present yourself. Appearances have an impact.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

A sense of play may come over you this week and put you in a creative mood, Leo. You may find that a few artsy projects will get all sorts of ideas flowing.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Far-reaching ideas are on your mind, Virgo. You aren't sure which path you want to take just yet. It can be fun to experiment with experiences outside of your comfort zone.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Growing comfortable expressing your feelings has you reaching out for new friends and relationships, Libra. You never know who you might meet when you open yourself up.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Lately your identity seems to be shaped by the company you keep, Scorpio. That means your colleagues, friends or family are playing a key role in influencing your behavior.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, when you focus your efforts, time seems to dissipate and chores vanish. This week you may find yourself blasting through tasks one by one.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if you have been feeling stressed out or unimpressed with a relationship, you may need to infuse a little extra energy into the mix this week.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, your tongue may be extra sharp this week, so be careful in how you talk to the ones you love. Exercise caution around people at work as well.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

If you are single, this is the perfect time to get out with friends as much as possible. Pisces. If you are in a relationship, prioritize date nights.



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Bound for Walmart, international students Lavanya Reddy and Nandini Doppalapudi board a Safe Ride shuttle April 2. Safe ride has been operating since 2004, originating as a pilot program thought of by Greek students.

Safe Ride carries assistance

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Asst. A&E Editor | @SeggernSarah

Its presence is around dorms, lecture halls and the back of student's Bearcat cards. Freshmen and international students are introduced early to the program through orientations and classes.

For many years, the Safe Ride Home program has been providing late-night taxi and shuttle services.

Safe Ride Home is a job done by students for students. Soph-

omore and co-manager for Safe Ride Home Westly Bertha has been working there a little over a year.

"It's really been just fulfilling helping people," Bertha said. "You know you go to college and that's a sign of independence in general, but when you can't take care of yourself because you don't have a car, you don't have any way to take care of yourself. It's nice to have those resources through college, and it's free. ... It's a nice service. I like helping people."

Safe Ride got its start in 2004 as a pilot program and was originally thought of by Greek students who had gone to an alcohol summit, according to University Police Chief Clarence Green. UPD partnered with Greek Life to implement this transportation service in hopes of reducing the amount of DWI's in Maryville, Missouri.

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the effort of making the hour and a half drive, bringing the supplies, dressing in the most revealing outfit I have and, again, shaving my legs so they are smoother than a baby seal. I should at least get 15 minutes of fun.

I understand it's been a while since you got action, sweetie, but this is pathetic even for a three-month dry spell.

Next time we agree to bump uglies, please be prepared. There

are plenty of websites where you can get some endurance practice. I implore you to visit those sites or even ask for nudes. Seriously.

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Freshman Samantha Statham walks through the J.W. Jones Student Union to grab her free T-shirt as part of Northwest Week festivities April 3.

SAC hosts yearly campus tradition

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Students celebrated being at Northwest with free food, T-shirts and other activities during Student Activities Council's Northwest Week April 1-5.

Northwest Week started as "I love Northwest Week" in 1991 by Student Senate as a way for students to celebrate their time at Northwest. It has occurred every year since.

The week started with a petting zoo near the Memorial Bell Tower Monday. Paramount Pony Petting Zoo provided the animals which included a miniature horse, small silkie chickens, pygmy goats and small rabbits.

The petting zoo was closed in a fence which allowed about 20 students in at a time, and 235 students entered the fence during the two

hours it was open. Other students stood around the fence to look at the animals on their way to class.

Freshman Lucy Kitta heard about the petting zoo from her friend who received extra credit in zoology class for stopping by. It was her favorite event of the week because she plans to work with animals after college.

"I love farm animals, so I said, 'I'm here. I'm ready to pet them,'" Kitta said, holding a chicken. "This is so great."

Free tacos and nachos were provided by The Casual Foodie food truck Tuesday. Students filled out their order on a small sheet of paper and waited 20-30 minutes for their meal. There were 250 meals available, and they were given out in less than two hours.

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Senior swingman Joey Witthus earned first-team All-American honors from the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association after winning the 2019 national championship against Point Loma.

CHAMPIONS

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In the end, Northwest walked away with its second national title in three years, though this one feels different. The Bearcats graduated the winningest class in program history last spring, one that included three-time MIAA Player of the Year Justin Pitts. They were expected to take a step back. Instead, they stepped forward.

McCollum raved about his

"Who does that?" McCollum asked in the aftermath of the win. "Who goes ... 38-0, won a national title starting two freshmen and a sophomore? We probably got destroyed our first scrimmage. (We) lost four starters from a team that probably could have won a national title. ... This is the result of what everybody in the past has done and what our kids have done this season, carrying on that culture."

McCollum raved about his

freshman guards, Hudgins and Diego Bernard, as the two sat next to their coach, wearing their championship hats backward with pieces of the net they'd just cut down tied to the straps.

Bernard, who starred on the hardwood for St. Joseph-Lafayette High School just a year ago, was particularly emotional after the game as he embraced with his family.

"It was a good feeling," Bernard said. "Knowing that all the traveling my parents do — all the money and stuff that they have to spend — finally paid off. We got the

national championship."

Bernard scored 14 points in the title game, his second-highest point total of the tournament. Hudgins dropped 12 points, while senior swingman Joey Witthus led the way for Northwest with 24. While fighting through a hip injury that limited his playing time in each of the previous two games, Witthus logged 40 minutes.

"Joey Buckets," McCollum said. "That's what he does: gets buckets."

Along with a superb offensive performance, Witthus offered one of the night's brightest highlights.

With a little less than 7 minutes left in the contest, the swingman hit a deep, off-balance three, one that gave the Bearcats a 10-point lead in the late-going.

"I think we went into a timeout almost right after that (shot)," Witthus said. "I think everyone started to kind of feel like, 'Alright, we got some momentum. Let's get a couple stops. This is our moment.' Sometimes you just get lucky."

The shot itself may have come with a certain degree of luck, but it feels as though this unlikely season and tournament victory did not. Rather, Northwest's championship seems to be the product of intentional design.

McCollum recruited Bernard as hard as any player he has in his career. He took Witthus on as a transfer after the 2017 season, hoping to win another national title. The hope was mutual. It worked out.

Junior forward Ryan Welty, the only Bearcat on the roster to play in the 2017 title game, chose Northwest over Division I offers. Sophomore forward Ryan Hawkins committed to Northwest on the ride home from his first visit to the campus. Hudgins, the redshirt out of Manhattan, Kansas, came to the program because he wanted to win. They all did, really. And they all won.

"(The winning) kind of played a factor, just a little bit," Hudgins said jokingly in regards to his 2017 recruitment to the program. "Just watching them play in the championship game two years ago was just amazing. ... Coming here ... I just bought in. And here it is."

In the aftermath of his second national championship win, McCollum said the thing he'd remember most about this team is their consistency and passion, among other things. It's what delivered the Bearcats here.

At the close of the season's last game, they remain unbeaten — though McCollum doesn't see this as any sort of ending point.

"For me and the way we run our program, it wasn't a 'last game,'" McCollum said. "The way we try to run it is that the culture kind of continues itself, and it's just going to continue to build on itself. This isn't our last game. We're going to continue our culture and continue to compete."

Northwest's touted culture helped lead them to Evansville, where they cut down nets. The team will soon be fitted for rings for what it accomplished here. The campaign that started with a poorly-played scrimmage and a season-opening overtime victory that the Bearcats nearly lost resulted in a national title.

A year ago, the Bearcats lost their last game of the season, falling in the first round to Minnesota State-Mankato. Back then, the future of the team was unclear. Graduating that senior class was supposed to set Northwest back. It didn't.

Against all odds, the Bearcats are national champions with a young core and a bright future. They were supposed to be a work in progress, a reloading team. This was supposed to be a building year. But they weren't, and it wasn't.

Instead, they're champions. Again.

"I kind of like showing up to family Thanksgiving with a watch and two rings, so we'll see," Hawkins said. "I'm running out of fingers."

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'Hounds cruise to win, look forward



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Connor Weiss pitched three innings in the Spoofhounds' 18-3 victory over East Buchanan April 1. Weiss struck out seven batters in the game, including striking out the side in the third inning.

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Maryville baseball put its early season woes to rest with an onslaught of offense against East Buchanan April 1. The Spoofhounds topped East Buchanan 18-3 with an explosive second inning.

After not scoring a single run in its first two games, Maryville found itself bringing in 18 runs against the Bulldogs. The 'Hounds bats came alive in the bottom of the second inning after falling into a 2-0 hole.

The game was essentially over after a 13-run second inning for Maryville, though the Spoofhounds added five more runs, the game was eventually called in the fourth inning due to the mercy rule.

Coach Carson Riedel was pleased with the performance from the team because the offense was finally able to get something rolling. Riedel explained how the offense exploding in the second helped with the shaky start.

"At the start, we slid into a hole that left me a little nervous," Riedel said. "Going down 2-0 was tough, but we got things rolling in the bottom of the second which really sparked the whole team."

Going into the third inning with a commanding 11-run lead, confidence was riding high for the Spoofhounds after a slow start to the year. To go with that commanding lead was also a more relaxed and loose pitching environment for sophomore Connor Weiss. Weiss saw three innnings on the mound where he struck out seven batters, striking out the side in the third inning.

"It is always nice to give the defense and the pitcher a nice lead to work with," senior catcher Creid Stoecklein said. "Giving the pitcher a lead to work with gives him more freedom to work his pitches, and it also brings some confidence along with it."

Maryville built some confidence that will lead into the next couple of games. With an uneventful start to the season, the 'Hounds will look to exhaust all options as to what was the spark of the offensive explosion against East Buchanan.

Stoecklein appeared to be the spark the Spoofhounds needed to get things going on offense as he filled the stat sheet. Stoecklein started the run in the second inning with a double. He reached base four times with two being walks, scored three runs, and stole three bases.

With quite an offensive show-

UP NEXT

Maryville vs. Cameron
4:30 p.m. April 4
Maryville

ing for the Spoofhounds, there is still time to turn things around and go in a positive direction this season. Senior third baseman Tyler Houchin echoed these beliefs.

"We are definitely heading in the right direction after tonight," Houchin said. "We dropped our first couple of games without any offense at all, so it was nice to get things going and get some runs on the board."

With questions about the future of the team still uncertain, the Spoofhounds will look to continue their offensive success against Cameron. The Dragons have yet to get a win and have been massively outscored by their opponents this season, allowing double-digit runs in nearly all of their games.

Maryville will aim to continue its offensive power against a struggling Cameron team April 4 and establish themselves as a threat in the Midland Empire Conference.

Bearcats sweep Washburn in homestand

TRENT SPINNER
Chief Reporter | @trentspinner



Northwest baseball entered into a trio of firsts this week: the first series with three home runs, the first Monday doubleheader and the first home series.

The Bearcats saved their best offensive performance for March 31-April 1 as they battled for a sweep against Washburn in the first home series of the year.

Ever since the baseball season came upon the Bearcats, the main struggle has been to get out on the diamond in Maryville. Northwest has been forced to prolong its first home series for almost a month now.

But as the weather runs north, the bone-chilling winters have been replaced by sunshine, green grass and excellent field conditions. These factors have finally let the Bearcats play their first home game and home series of the season.

"Obviously, having Hughes Fieldhouse is enormous for us, but it's definitely not the same as being outside and seeing the ball in the sky and seeing live pitching in the outdoors," coach Darin Loe said. "For anybody playing at home, it's huge; just having the crowd behind you, and obviously having those last at-bats, is certainly big as well."

With a new opportunity on the season, the Bearcats (14-15, MIAA 10-8) wasted no time getting settled into this idea of a home series, as they swept Washburn (12-6, MIAA 6-12) in a three-game series (14-9, 16-11, 7-5).

For the Bearcats, it was the bats and the crowd that fueled this new approach, for the first time this season, Northwest reached a conference winning percentage over .500.

"It's been exciting being at Northwest. The community rallies around its athletes and they make it fun to be in Maryville," junior third baseman Calvin Rudolph said. "I've learned that it's always a great



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior infielder Calvin Rudolph was able to get out of a pickle on his way from third base to home against Washburn April 1.

day to be a Bearcat."

The Bearcats are not known for their home run hitting abilities but dabble in the trade of swiping bases and playing small ball. Northwest has produced nine home runs on the year, and three of those came this weekend at home.

All of these home runs were crucial to the moment as the bats are beginning to prosper in clutch situations. Senior second baseman Mondesi Gutierrez established the tone for the series when he hit a

three-run shot to tie Game 1 at nine apiece.

In the doubleheader, the Nebraska-Kearney transfers flourished as sophomore left fielder Peter Carlson hit a grand slam over the left field wall to tie the game at 4-4 in the fifth inning of Game 2. Rudolph followed the trend as he blasted his own grand slam to left field to put Northwest up 5-3 in the fifth inning of Game 3.

"They threw back-to-back change ups, and on the second one,

I was able to sit back and make solid contact," Rudolph said. "We had a great week of practice. The guys were locked in, and it showed on Sunday and Monday."

The Bearcats are starting to hit a rhythm when they step to the plate, and Loe knows that's what makes this team dangerous. To him, the Bearcats need one thing to make a run, and that is confidence.

"A lot of hitters should have confidence now, in their abilities and what they can do," Loe said.

UP NEXT

Northwest vs. Fort Hays State
April 5-7
Maryville

"We knew we were a good offensive unit; we just hadn't shown it yet, and yesterday you saw, so just really good signs of how well we can swing the bats."

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March 27 @ 2:30 p.m.
No. 8 Mercyhurst

No. 4 Nova Southeastern

March 27 @ Noon
No. 5 St. Anselm

No. 3 Queens (NC)

March 27 @ 8:30 p.m.
No. 6 Point Loma

No. 2 West Texas A&M

March 27 @ 6 p.m.
No. 7 Southern Indiana

NORTHWEST

March 28
6 p.m.
St. Anselm

NORTHWEST

March 30
2 p.m.
Point Loma

NORTHWEST

March 30
8:30 p.m.
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NW BASEBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

Missouri Southern.....	23-8	14-4	Central Oklahoma.....	29-3	11-1
Central Missouri.....	20-10	12-6	Central Missouri.....	19-9	5-1
Emporia State.....	18-11	12-6	Washburn.....	15-15	8-2
Central Oklahoma.....	19-11	11-7	Northeastern State.....	20-15	8-4
Lindenwood.....	17-15	11-7	Emporia State.....	14-17	6-4
Missouri Western.....	13-13	10-8	Missouri Western.....	20-14	7-5
NORTHWEST.....	14-15	10-8	Fort Hays State.....	14-13	7-5
Pittsburg State.....	14-16	8-10	Nebraska Kearney.....	10-16	6-6
Northeastern State.....	10-22	7-11	Pittsburg State.....	16-19	4-6
Washburn.....	11-16	6-12	NORTHWEST.....	9-14	4-6
Southwest Baptist.....	11-19	5-13	Lindenwood.....	17-13	6-10
Fort Hays State.....	3-24	2-16	Missouri Southern.....	12-17	3-9
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NW SOFTBALL

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Softball's win streak reaches four

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Northwest softball was able to step foot on Bearcat Softball Field April 1 for the first time in 353 days in search for consistency.

The Bearcats (9-14, 4-6 MIAA) played host to a pair of MIAA rivals in Lincoln and Lindenwood April 1-2. Northwest swept the homestand taking all four games from the Blue Tigers and Lions.

In the first meetings in Maryville, the Bearcats hung 30 runs on the board in two contests, beating Lincoln 15-2 and 15-0 April 1. Freshman infielder Olivia Daugherty went 6-for-8 and drove in four runs in the doubleheader against the Blue Tigers. Along with Daugherty, junior infielders Erin Keeney and Karli Allen both crushed two homers in the series.

Northwest collected two more wins, one in dramatic fashion, when Lindenwood came to town April 2. The Bearcats walked-off the Lions in Game 1 of the doubleheader 11-10 as a two-run Daugherty long ball proved to be the game winner.

Daugherty owns a .436 batting average, which is good for a team-high. Northwest rolled to a 7-1 win in Game 2 where Keeney again stole the show going 2-for-3 with five RBIs.

"Finally being able to play on our home field was really great," Daugherty said. "Thankfully the weather was on our side these last two days, which makes the games even better. Seeing everyone's family being able to come to the games was also really nice."

Coach Ryan Anderson echoed the response of his freshman lead-off hitter, explaining being at home helped his team get comfortable.

"It's finally nice," Anderson said. "Considering we were supposed to be here two weeks ago ... it's nice to be home; you're not on the road traveling. This weekend is a long trip to Kearney and Hays. It's always tough to play there."

After a Game 2 loss to Missouri S&T March 27, Northwest has built a four-game winning streak and is



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Karli Allen provided a sacrifice fly against Lindenwood to help lead Northwest to an 11-10 victory in the first game of the April 2 doubleheader. Northwest also won game 2 7-1, giving the Bearcats a 9-14 record this season.

hoping to add to it when they travel to Nebraska-Kearney April 6.

Coach Ryan Anderson said he was relieved with the way hits were falling for his ball club.

"It's nice really just to have hits falling," Anderson said. "We've had some frustration within people when the balls weren't falling, and yesterday (April 1) we had a chance to hit a lot. Today (April 2) we got some good hits, and it's not two people carrying us. Up and down the lineup, we are hitting."

Daugherty was one of those hitters that got things going during the stretch of home games. The freshman lead-off hitter went 10-for-16 with 10 RBIs in the four games in Maryville.

"She was hot both days," Anderson said. "You always hope you have someone hot every weekend,

and she saw it well (both days), and hopefully, she keeps it going."

With four more wins under their belts, Daugherty explained the success of her other teammates rubbed off on her.

"Seeing my teammates do well, of course, pushes me to be my best," Daugherty said. "I think that as a whole, we really wanted to get some wins to carry us into this weekend."

Sophomore pitcher Regan Thompson struck out 12 batters in 12 innings pitched during the homestand. The sophomore standout only allowed three hits in her complete game against Lindenwood April 2. Anderson said Thompson's pitching is a product of getting into a "groove."

"It's good to see her throwing well," Anderson said. "We've

played sporadically for two months now, and we're hoping (to start) getting some games going ... that we can get some repetition and get some consistency."

Keeney was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for her performances against Missouri S&T and Lincoln. The Blue Springs native hit .615 with three home runs and drove in nine runs as the Bearcats went 3-1 in their four games. Keeney also leads the squad with 30 RBIs.

"She was one we needed (April 1-2); she needed to get her confidence back," Anderson said. "It wasn't that she was having bad at-bats, they just weren't falling. ... We had a lot of people that needed at-bats, and we got some hits

UP NEXT

**Northwest vs
Nebraska Kearney (DH)**
12 p.m. April 6
Kearney, Neb.

out of it."

Northwest is now tasked with the No. 7 and No. 8 ranked teams in the conference on a weekend road trip. Anderson said even though his team swept both doubleheaders, there is still more for them to work on.

"We need to clean some things up," Anderson said. "We had some mental mistakes but our hitting overshadowed it."

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Six Northwest athletes logged minutes in the national title game March 30. Diego Bernard (No. 1) dropped 14 points and recorded 3 rebounds while playing through 36 minutes in the contest.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Bearcats go 38-0 en route to title

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A year ago, Northwest men's basketball fell to Minnesota State-Mankato in the first round of the NCAA Division II Central Region tournament. Shortly after, the program watched Justin Pitts, Xavier Kurth, Brett Dougherty and Chris-Ebou Ndow graduate, leaving Northwest's future in question.

Last week, starting two freshman guards in Trevor Hudgins and Diego Bernard, the Bearcats won their 38th straight game, completing a perfect season with a Division II National Championship.

The Bearcats 64-58 triumph over Point Loma March 30 gave the program its second national title in three years. Hudgins was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Since the final buzzer sounded, coach Ben McCollum has been named Division II Coach of the Year by both the NABC and Basketball Times. Senior swingman Joey Witthus was named the Division II Player of the Year by Basketball Times.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman guard Trevor Hudgins scored 12 points in Northwest's 64-58 win over Point Loma and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore forward Ryan Hawkins scored nine points and grabbed 12 rebounds in Northwest's win over Point Loma.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Northwest men's basketball coach Ben McCollum was named Coach of the Year by the NABC and Basketball after coaching in his second national title game.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

The Northwest men's basketball team meets near center court and celebrates its second national title in three seasons after defeating Point Loma 64-58 March 30, at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana.